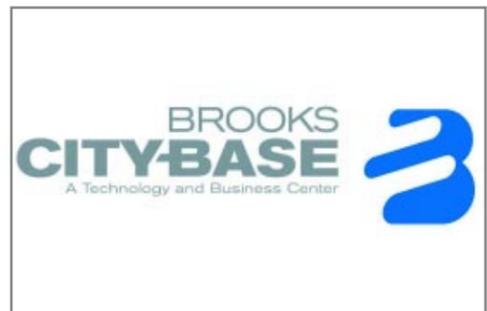


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Through the Many Facets of Aerospace Medicine

## Cash awards granted for money-saving ideas

By Elizabeth Castillo  
Discovery staff writer

Although "a penny for your thoughts" is still a popular adage, innovative thoughts or ideas might be worth a whole lot more than one cent.

The Innovative Development through Employee Awareness program was developed to reward Air Force employees for any ideas that can improve performance and save the government money. The rewards are either tangible or intangible and can reach up to \$10,000.

"It's an incentive program," said Andrea Garcia, Brooks IDEA Program Manager. "If you can think of a way to do your job better, faster and cheaper, the Air Force will reward you a cash award if you can prove it."

The IDEA program attains ideas from all active duty military, Department of Defense civilians, Air Force Academy cadets, Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets and Air Force Reserve personnel on active duty orders. It is designed to capture ideas that will increase efficiency, save resources, or improve processes, products or equipment in the interest of national defense.

"The majority of the ideas that I receive (here at Brooks) have to do with scientific achievement and patents," Ms. Garcia said.

According to Ms. Garcia, scientific achievement is when a scientist writes an article to a well-known medical magazine or scientific magazine and gets published. They automatically get a \$200 intangible award. All patents are processed by the JAG office, and those are also automatic. The patents are input by the Air Force Manpower Agency AFMA office at Randolph Air Force Base.

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## 'BEAR' DOWN FOR SLEEP EDUCATION



Photo by Staff Sgt. Alfonso Ramirez Jr.

P.J. Bear, the "mascot" for the Air Force Research Laboratory's Fatigue Countermeasures Branch, visits with students at the Inez Foster Elementary School in 2004. P.J. Bear will visit several elementary schools again this year as part of the "Time to Sleep With P.J. Bear" campaign. The school visits is one of several 2005 National Sleep Awareness Week activities aimed at educating parents and children on the adverse health effects of poor sleep habits.

## Mission Support Group's logisticians earn base's top award

By Rudy Purificato  
311th Human Systems Wing

Their professionalism for always being prepared to support any logistical requirements has earned them a reputation as one of the most reliable organizations at Brooks. Now, 311th Mission Support Group logisticians have earned much more than the respect and appreciation of those they support as the latest recipients of the base's highest honor.

In February, Brig. Gen. Tom Travis, commander for the 311th Human Systems Wing, presented the 311th HSW Commander's

Award to the 311th MSG's Logistics Division for its operational readiness initiatives demonstrated during the last quarter of 2004. It is the third time that this organization has been recognized through this awards program. The unit previously won the Commander's Award in 2000 and 2001.

The award recognizes the recipient's significant contributions to mobility readiness. Specifically, they managed mobility readiness for all logistics military personnel assigned to UTCs, who are subject to deployment,

by leveraging computer databases and a new website to ensure that logistics personnel were 100 percent worldwide mission qualified.

Additionally, this unit played a key role in helping facilitate the first deployment capability exercise staged at Brooks in two years. As a result of this exercise, five Air Force Institute for Operational Health real-world, quick-reaction force deployment teams were processed within an hour of mobility notification.

Other activities for which they were cited in the award nomination

include writing an updated policy for transporting weapons to San Antonio International Airport while also streamlining the weapons issue process to ensure 100 percent accountability and helping the 651st Munitions Squadron perform a verification test on 1,000 combat-ready missiles.

The group was also instrumental in arranging cost-savings transportation to Kunsan AB, South Korea, for three transportable hospitals; and provided cargo/freight transportation support that involved documentation, certification and manifesting 10

tons of War Reserve Material for real-world deployments.

The 311th MSG Logistics Division also helped mediate a major transportation problem affecting U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine pipeline students. They maintained shuttle bus service for them using volunteer drivers in the wake of a commercial drivers contract dispute. This action prevented an interruption in service that would have otherwise had a negative impact on students fulfilling Air Force training requirements outside of Brooks.

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## AFAF DONATIONS NEEDED



Photo by Staff Sgt. Brandy Bogart

Gen. Thomas Travis, commander of the 311th Human Systems Wing, signs his contribution card for the 2005 Air Force Assistance Fund with the help of the 311th HSW representative 2nd Lt. Casey Walterscheid. The AFAF campaign kicked off March 9 with a commander's run and breakfast, and runs through April 15. The goal for Brooks City-Base is to raise more than \$25,000 for the fund. Contact Capt. Maureen Farrell at 536-3741 for more information on donating to the AFAF.

## Testimonial to blessing of AF Aid Society

By Staff Sgt. Thomas Terry  
U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine

When my wife 29 weeks pregnant with our son Aaron, she went into pre-term labor. She was admitted to Wilford Hall Medical Center on bed rest for two weeks until she delivered at 31 weeks. Being pre-term, Aaron had major complications and initially they thought that he wasn't going to live.

This all started on Oct. 26, 2004. I was driving back and forth to Wilford Hall three to four times a day — about 90 miles round trip to and from my home. I had to take care of my other three children and also try to spend some time with my wife at the hospital. This began taking a toll on us financially, especially with the escalating gas prices and the take-out food expenses.

The U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine pitched in and helped us out a lot for the first month. Then one day Staff Sgt. Carlos Labrador, one of my co-workers, had mentioned that he had received an email from LaWanda Roper at the Family Support Center stating that the Air Force Aid Society could help me out. So at the end of November, I went over to talk with Mrs. Roper about the AFAS.

She stated that the AFAS could fly someone out here to help out with the kids at home and also help pay for some of the gas and food expenses. The AFAS paid for my sister to fly out for three weeks and also gave us \$660 dollars financial assistance over the next two months. They helped us out so much that it allowed us to make more trips to the hospital and spend more time with our son. We would not have been able to afford this otherwise.

The trips to and from the hospital continued until Jan. 20. By this time, the AFAS had loaned us about \$1,000 for expenses and my sister's plane ticket. Our son is now home and he is doing great.

For the past 12 years, I have donated to the AFAS during the Air Force Assistance Fund campaign not really knowing what the money was used for. Now I have a better understanding of how this fund helps Airmen in their time of need.

After our ordeal was completed, the AFAS approved us for a grant so that we didn't have to pay any of the money back. I will continue to donate to the AFAS every year because I never know if I will need their help again. But if I do, I know that they will be there to help me out or the money I donate will go to help someone else faced with a similar situation.

## NCAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SWEET SIXTEEN CHALLENGE



In the tradition of other fine Discovery contests, we invite you to participate in the NCAA Basketball Tournament Sweet Sixteen Challenge. Submit your bracket picks for final 16 teams through the championship game for a chance to earn bragging rights and be recognized in the newspaper for your prediction skills.

Submit your bracket picks to [kendahl.johnson@brooks.af.mil](mailto:kendahl.johnson@brooks.af.mil)

(To assist with your submission, a spreadsheet will be available on the Discovery website following the first two rounds.)

Good luck and may the best prognosticator win!



## Brooks employee loses home, maintains positive outlook

By Elizabeth Castillo  
Discovery staff writer

A December fire has left a member of the Brooks community's house in ruins, but failed to distinguish the spirit that makes Brooks a caring community.

On Dec. 15, Linda Carruth's otherwise normal day working at USAFSAM's Clinical Science Division was interrupted by an unsettling voice mail message left by her mother.

Mrs. Carruth's mother, who is also her neighbor, called to inform her there was an emergency, and she was to call her immediately. At the risk of frightening her daughter, Mrs. Carruth's mother tried to refrain from telling Linda her two-story log home was on fire.

Recalling the message, Mrs. Carruth quoted her mother as saying, "Linda you need to come home. There's a problem here and I need you to come home now." The message continued with her mother saying to her father, "No, I'm not going to tell her that her house is on fire. You shouldn't do that over the phone, so don't make me tell her that."

Shocked by the confusing message, Mrs. Carruth's husband Tom called and Mrs. Carruth was assured that in fact their house was on fire.

"It took me a while to go home though," Mrs. Carruth said. "It was one of those things where



Courtesy photo

Brooks employee Linda Carruth's home was destroyed in a December fire. It is uncertain how the fire started. The Carruth family has begun the healing and rebuilding process, thanks in part to an outpouring of help from the community

if I don't go, and I don't see it, maybe it really didn't happen and it'll be okay. But by the time I got home, there was nothing left."

The volunteer force of the Stockdale Fire Department was responding to another fire which was happening in town while the Carruth's house was ablaze on the outskirts of town. Her 18-year-old son Justin and 20-year-old son Brian are both volunteer firefighters and had to respond to their own house fire.

"My oldest son stayed there 24 hours, and he stayed on site because it kept on flaring back up," Mrs. Carruth said.

The next day Mrs. Carruth returned to what was formerly

her dream home, but was now a pile of ash and charred debris to find everything destroyed. Amongst the ash she was able to recover what she now considers to be her "treasures" — a small porcelain angel and a clay box her son Brian made when he was in the second grade.

"Those are the things that I found. I have this theory that God gave me what I needed, not what I wanted," Mrs. Carruth said. "I needed my angel to know that it would be okay, and I needed a little bit from my kids so that I would have something as they got older."

While the Carruth family was realizing the depth of their misfortune in Stockdale, the Brooks

community was quickly reacting to their service as a supportive community, and began collecting items to help with the hardship of their fellow colleague.

Organized by Mrs. Carruth's friends and co-workers Christina Lanier and Senior Master Sgt. Anne Rozkydal, emails were promptly sent, first to their building, and eventually throughout the Brooks community.

The responsiveness from the community came faster than expected, and soon Mrs. Lanier was overcome with offerings of money, clothes, toys and furniture and silverware.

"People were just bringing me bags and bags of clothes, and it was overwhelming what we receiving," Mrs. Lanier said.

Mrs. Carruth returned that Friday to pick up the first of many collections that she and her family would receive throughout the weeks to follow.

"The outpouring of love was amazing," Mrs. Carruth said. "It was all so overwhelming because, we had nothing. We literally had just the clothes on our backs."

The word had gone out to the community that Mrs. Carruth had children, so toys and dolls were donated to her family. However appreciative, her older sons really had no use for the items. Mrs. Carruth and her family then decided to turn over all contributions to other organizations that could benefit from their

use such as the SAMS shelter, a battered women's shelter and local hospitals.

"It truly makes me realize that there is good in this world, and that people want to do good," Mrs. Carruth said.

Collections were given individually and communally by buildings and organizations such as the First Sergeant's Association, USAFSAM and the Clinical Science Division just to name a few. Collections were taken by the Base Chapel during their services, and Carruth was often comforted by the support and prayers offered by people in the Brooks community.

"I'm just overwhelmed by the love and support from the people that I know, but to the people that I don't know — thank you. Thank you is not enough," Mrs. Carruth said.

The Carruth family is now living in a single wide trailer on their 18-acre property where their house once stood. The trailer is furnished by all donated items and is truly a house that love built. The back door leads to the charred foundation that was once a two-story log dream home, but past it is the 18-acre future where Mrs. Carruth and her family plan on rebuilding a new home.

When asked if she plans on building another log home, Mrs. Carruth quickly replied, "No, I'm going with bricks — something that can't burn."



## Brooks Clinic to realign with Wilford Hall

By Rudy Purificato  
311th Human Systems Wing

The 311th Medical Squadron will become a tenant organization at Brooks City-Base on March 22 when it realigns with Lackland Air Force Base's Wilford Hall Medical Center.

This 311th Human Systems Wing organization will be deactivated during an 11 a.m. ceremony at the Brooks Clinic where it will also be reactivated as the 59th Aeromedical Dental Group's 59th Medical Squadron, part of the 59th Medical Wing at Wilford Hall.

The impetus for the change involves economics and operational efficiency. "There's a certain amount of economy of scale and manpower savings to be incurred with realignment of the clinic," said Lt. Col. Deborah Butler, chief nurse and deputy commander for the 311th Medical Squadron. The goal of the realignment, she said, is to main-

tain the same level of service for the Brooks community.

The realignment will be transparent, Colonel Butler said, explaining that there will be no changes involving access to health care. There also will be no change in squadron leadership. However, the action will involve some changes mostly involving business operations. "A great deal of the business function we coordinate here will be managed by Wilford Hall's resource manager," Colonel Butler said. Additionally, Wilford Hall will also handle local contract management and third party reimbursements.

Other changes include the administrative transfer of 74 positions from the 110-member squadron to Wilford Hall. The squadron will retain its medical logistics mission; however, personnel involved in supporting it will become part of the 311th Mission Support Group's Logistics Division.

The realignment comes in the wake of a new TRICARE contract Nov. 1 that has transformed San Antonio into a multi-service market. The San Antonio multi-service market group plans in the future to reorganize health care delivery in San Antonio that will impact the Brooks Clinic, Brooke Army Medical Center, Wilford Hall and the Randolph AFB clinic.

"There's a perceived collaborative effort to enhance efficiency and health care delivery with government facilities in the city of San Antonio," Colonel Butler said.

What military health care planners want to do is help ease the patient load at Wilford Hall, Randolph and BAMC. At issue is the growing patient population at these facilities, partly caused by military dependents opting under TRICARE to receive health care at military medical venues closest to their homes, Colonel Butler explained. The consequences of this trend have



Photo by Staff Sgt. Alfonso Ramirez Jr.

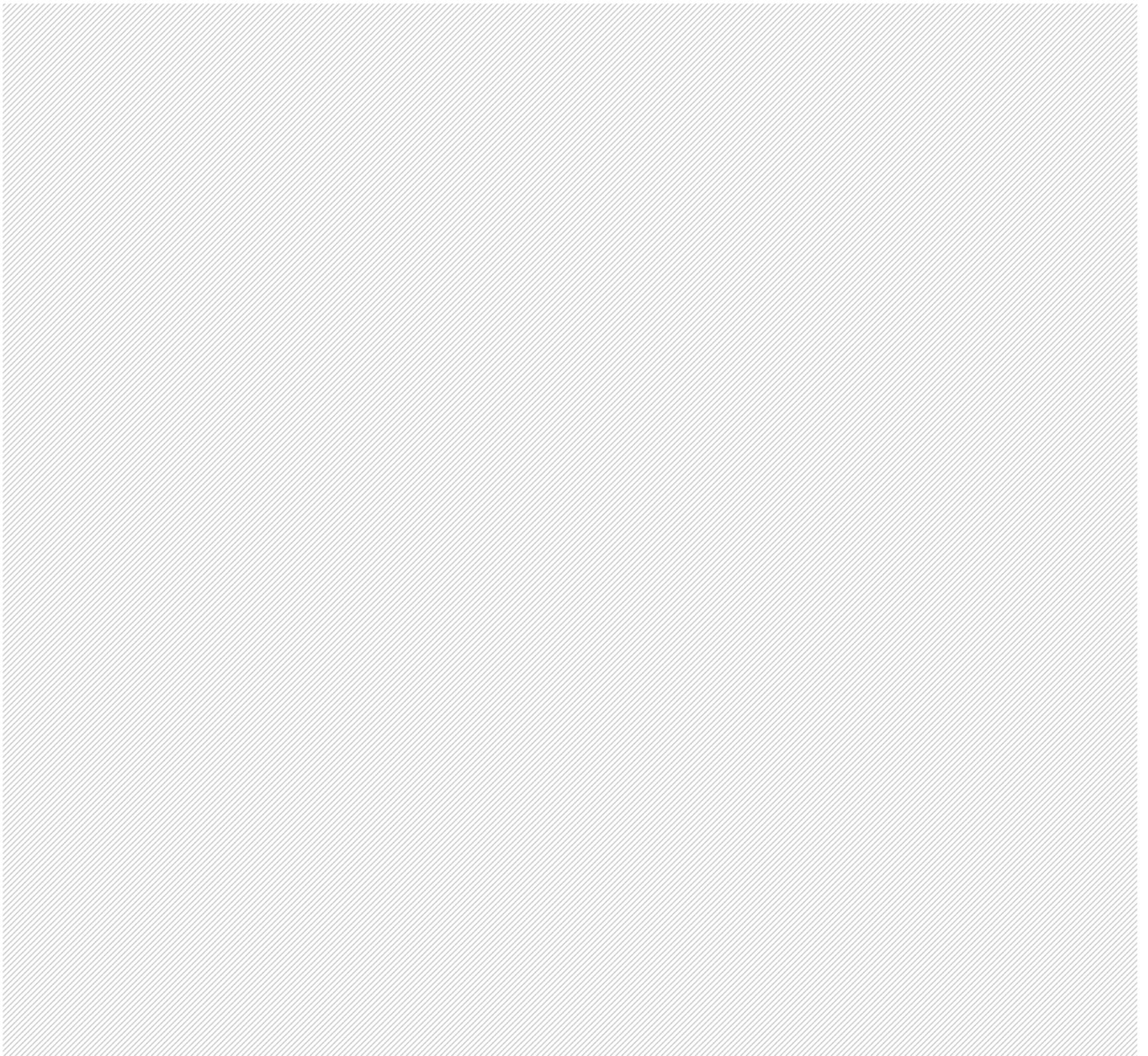
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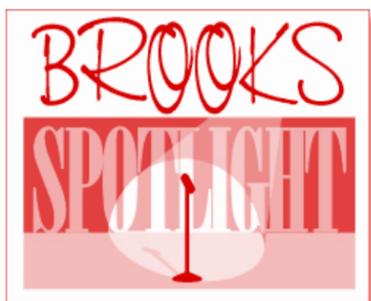
caused significant increases in patient visits at those sites and a decrease in the number of people using the Brooks Clinic.

"Our patient population has dropped off. Realignment will help Wilford Hall, BAMC and Randolph with (patient) overpopulation," Colonel Butler said, noting that access to health care

there has suffered. "We anticipate our patient enrollment will go up. We hope we will have a blend of patients across the age continuum," she said.

Colonel Butler characterized the plan as being helpful in giving the Brooks Clinic staff more experience in dealing with a diverse patient population.





*Things to do around Brooks*

**OUTDOOR RECREATION**  
Bldg. 1154, 536-2881

The Family Camp is a very secluded and quiet place where travelers like to stay for a few days, weeks or months. The camp is located on the southwestern corner of the base. There is a "catch and release" fishing pond where anglers can relax and practice their sport. Accommodations also include the use of a bath house and restrooms located in Bldg. 1194. Full camper hookups are \$10 per day and include sewer, water and electricity. Partial camper hookups are \$8 per day and include water and electricity.

Outdoor Recreation has three party pavilions available for use. Pavilion #1 rents for \$35 per day and Pavilion #2 is \$30 per day. They are located in the park with playground area, basketball and volleyball courts. Pavilion #1 has a large BBQ pit for your functions. Pavilion #3 rents for \$25 per day and is located adjacent to base swimming pool. All pavilions have access to restrooms. These are a great lo-

cation for birthday parties, family reunions, official functions and just to get together with friends.

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A sandwich bar is available in the lounge every Tuesday and Thursday. Create your own sandwich by selecting from ham, turkey, pastrami or roast beef with all the trimmings.

**YOUTH PROGRAMS CENTER**  
Bldg. 470, 536-2515

The Youth Programs Center is offering three one-day camps for Brooks children ages five through 12. The camps, which are March 25 and 28 and April 22, are held from 6:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Breakfast, lunch and a snack will be provided for camp attendees. Children will participate in arts and crafts and games plus have computer time, outdoor play and use of the dance pad.

**BASE LIBRARY**  
Bldg. 705, 536-2634

Spring is just around the corner and that always brings thoughts of growth — children, grass, plants and new ideas. Check out our latest books and books on CD:

Books on CD — Metro Girl by Janet Evanovich; Echoes by Danielle Steel; Plot Against America by Phillip Roth; Good To Great by Jim Collins; Trace by Patricia Cornwell; Execution by Larry Bossidy.

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**IDEA aims to save money**

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All ideas that are submitted must meet certain criteria. In order for the submitted idea to be successful it must include the present method which fully explains what is currently being done, a proposed method where the employee must explain how the present method can be improved and the expected benefits from the proposed method, describing the amount of money to be saved by the government.

"I always tell the employees when they call me, to spell it out," Ms. Garcia said. "Tell me exactly step by step how it's being done now, how it should be done and what would make it better. Prove it and tell me exactly what the savings are."

Ideas submitted for review must be approved by three evaluators who are able to approve or implement the idea. The first level evaluator coincides with the base — someone on base who has the authority to approve or disapprove the idea. The second level usually has to do with the MAJCOM evaluator, and then finally to the Air Force level evaluator.

The IDEA Program Data System is designed to implement adopted ideas, and to recognize personnel with appropriate cash or non-cash awards, and can be accessed through the IDEA homepage at <https://ipds.mont.disa.mil>.

To submit an idea for consideration or for more information on the IDEA program, contact Ms. Garcia at 536-3661



**The Easter Bunny cometh**

The Easter Bunny will visit the Brooks City-Base Youth Center Saturday, March 26th. An Easter egg hunt will be held in the area adjacent to the center and there will be designated areas for four different age groups. The hunt starts promptly at 2 p.m. All children must bring their own baskets. The bunny will be available to take photographs with the children. A variety of food will be available following the event.





### PROJECT LUMPIA



Photo by Kendahl Johnson

As part of Project CHEER, members of the Friends of Family Support taught students of the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine how to make lumpia, a traditional dish of the Philippines. The next Project CHEER activity will be a spades and dominoes tournament. The event, which is free and open to the entire base community, will be March 25 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Boars Head Club.



## BROOKS BRIEFS



### BLOOD DRIVE

Brooks is hosting a blood drive today at the Base Chapel. The drive will run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Contact 1st Lt. Heather Heeran at 536-5564 for more information.

### LEGAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

If you need a power of attorney or other legal assistance, please call the Brooks Legal Office at 536-3301. Legal assistance is available to active duty, dependents and retired military personnel. Hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. by appointment and Thursdays from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. for walk-ins. Notary hours are Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 to 3:30 p.m. and Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8 to 11:30 a.m.

### DFAS WEBSITE MOVES

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service public website moved to a new location on the Internet. The old site, [www.dfas.mil](http://www.dfas.mil), will remain available through March 31. Then, users will be redirected to the new site, [www.dod.mil/dfas](http://www.dod.mil/dfas), and links to pages on the previous site will generate an error message notifying users of the move, officials said.



Photo by Elizabeth Castillo

### AGREEMENT SIGNED

Eric Stephens, deputy director for the 311th Human System Wing, and W.D. Whiting, president of the local union, signed March 9 agreement to have a Partnership Council. The purpose of the Partnership Council is to design, implement, and maintain a cooperative, constructive working relationship between the local union and Wing management. The Council identifies concerns and monitors progress to achieve common goals.

### WOMEN HISTORY MONTH

The closing ceremony will take place March 28 at 3 p.m. at the USAFSAM Auditorium. The guest speaker is Col. Regina Aune from Lackland Air Force Base.

## A LOOK at BROOKS

Who do you consider to be the most influential woman in history?



Staff Sgt. Jack Vudytiyanon  
311th Comm. Squadron

Mother Teresa — she embodied great compassion and selflessness, two strong qualities that people don't have these days.



Mary Gonzales  
311th MSG

Marilyn Monroe — she was a good person, a good actress and she was pretty.



Airman Basic Alex Turner  
USAFSAM

Eleanor Roosevelt — while Pres. Roosevelt was sick, she carried the work for him and made a lot of decisions. She was the closest thing we have had to a female president.



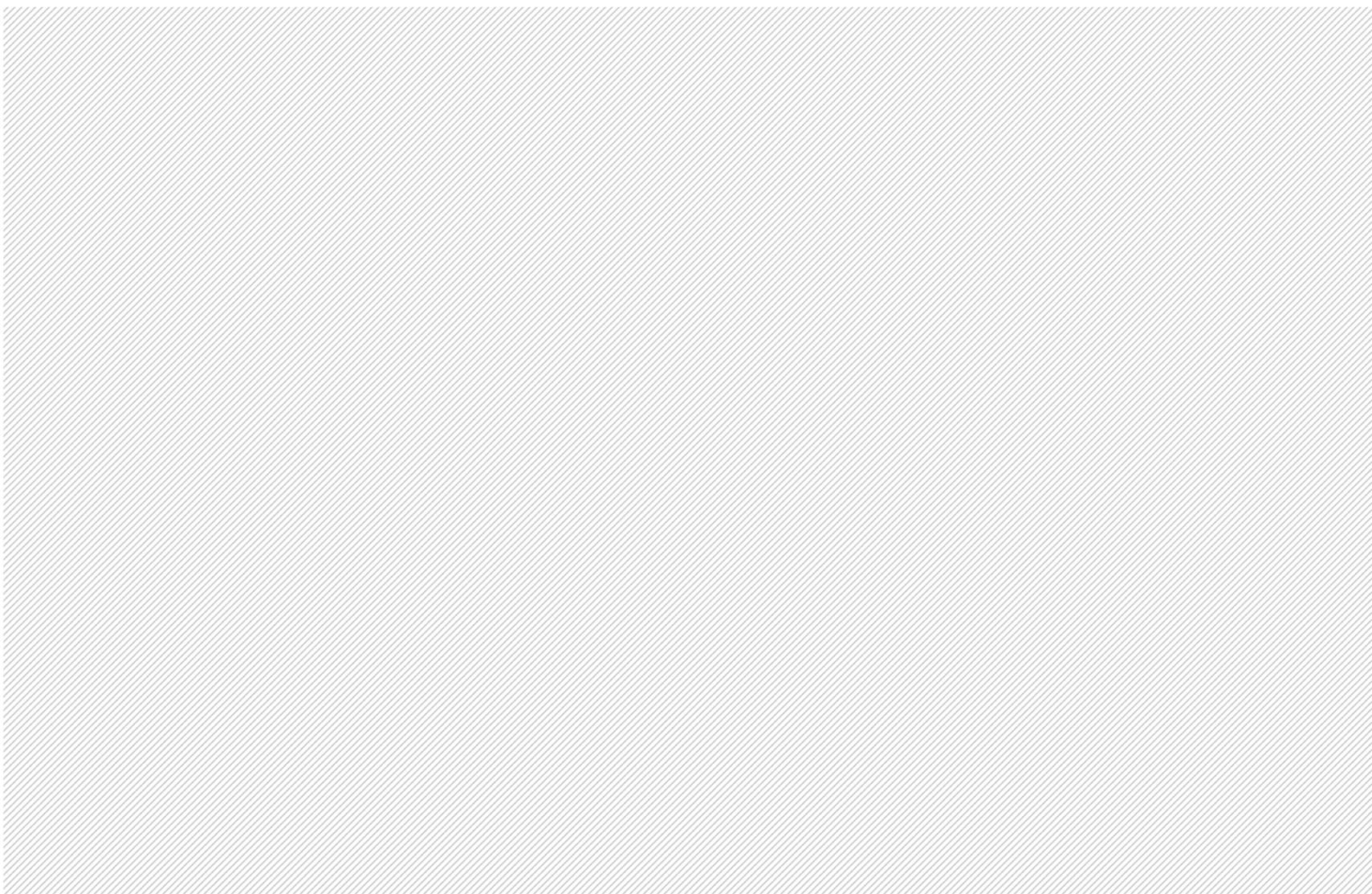
Joi Cates  
USAFSAM

Florence Nightingale — she was one of the most influential women in battlefield medicine.



Senior Airman  
Fred Jackson  
USAFSAM

Rosa Parks — she made a mass change for civil rights, she risked it all to stand up for what she believed in.





# ACTION LINE

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BRIG. GEN. TOM TRAVIS  
311th Human Systems  
Wing commander

The **COMMANDER'S ACTION LINE** is your opportunity to make Brooks a better place to live, work and play.

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Only items of general interest will be published, so please leave your name and number for a personal response.

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311th Medical Squadron (Clinic).....	536-4715	Development Office.....	536-5366

## FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

### VA BENEFITS ASSISTANCE

Mondays — 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Bldg. 537

A VA representative will be at Brooks weekly. Schedule an appointment to receive VA assistance in filling out your claims, screen medical records, or one-on-one consultations. Bring a copy of your medical records.

### MARKETING YOURSELF FOR A SECOND CAREER

March 22 — 9 - 11:30 a.m., Bldg. 537

Attend a free two and a half hour professional lecture for retirees, officers and senior NCOs who plan to leave the service in the next one to five years. Spouses and DoD civilians are cordially invited to attend this seminar as well. The guest speaker is Col. (retired) Dick Crampton, who served 26 years of active duty and has done extensive research, writing and lecturing about programs affecting military personnel transitioning to the civilian work force.

Seminar topics include competition in the civilian job market, perceptions civilian employers have of military personnel, job search plans, resume and cover letter strengthening tips, how employers read your resume, networking and penetrating the hidden job market, preparing for and conducting successful interviews, salary negotiations and benefit packages, and handling rejection. Participants will receive a free copy of the publication, "Marketing Yourself for a Second Career."

### BASIC INVESTING

March 23 — 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Bldg. 537

The kind of future you and your family will have depends on the decisions you make today. This seminar prepares the beginning investor by concentrating on basic investment terms and the six fundamental investment principles. Make the right decision by attending this investment workshop.

### HEARTLINK — MILITARY SPOUSE ORIENTATION PROGRAM

March 24 — 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Bldg. 537

This program is specifically designed for spouses of military members married less than five years, but all military spouses are welcome. Learn about you and the Air Force and where you fit in, information on protocol, customs, rank structure, military benefits, support agencies available and tools for communicating within the Air Force. A spouse's handbook and lunch will be provided. Childcare may be provided subject to availability. Contact Tech. Sgt. Brigit Hendrix at 536-2444.

### PRE-DEPLOYMENT BRIEFING

March 29 — 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Bldg. 537

Mandatory briefing addresses issues pertaining to deployed service members and their families. Pre-deployment briefings are held monthly on the last Tuesday of the month. Appointments are necessary.

### SPONSOR TRAINING

April 12 — 10 - 11 a.m., Bldg. 537

In accordance with AFI 36-3011, sponsor training is mandatory of all first-time sponsors and those who have not sponsored within the past year. However, others are more than welcome to attend. Learn about tools and resources available for sponsors.

### SEPARATION AND RETIREMENT

April 13 — 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Bldg. 537

This is a mandatory class for active military personnel who are retiring or separating within 120 days. Topics covered are Pre-Separation, Veterans Benefits, Survivors Benefit Plans, TRICARE, and Financial Planning for Transition. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

### ESTATE PLANNING

April 13 — 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Bldg. 537

Are you married? Do you have children? Do you own a home or other valuable assets? If your answer is yes to any of these questions, you probably need an estate plan. Attend class and you will find out about wills, trusts, executors and life insurance.

### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION CEREMONY AND PICNIC

April 20 — 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Hangar 9

In celebration of Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 18-22, Brooks City-Base will honor its volunteers who gave their time and efforts to on and off-base agencies. This will be a time to recognize all volunteers with Certificates of Appreciation and to present the Air Force Volunteer Excellence Awards for lifelong volunteer achievements. All attendees, volunteers and non-volunteers, can enjoy a free picnic lunch of hotdogs, chips and bottled water.

To register for class,  
Call 536-2444 or  
877-747-5938



## BCB punishment actions and court martials

The following nonjudicial punishment actions (Article 15) and court-martials occurred on Brooks City-Base from Nov. 15, 2004 to March 1, 2005:

### Court-Martials:

A captain from the Air Force Medical Services Agency was court-martialed at a general court martial for failure to obey lawful orders, assaults upon a commissioned officer, aggravated assaults, assaults consummated by a battery, communicating threats, wrongful interference with an adverse administrative proceeding, and larceny.

The captain pled not guilty to all charges and specifications. He was found guilty of a failure to obey lawful orders, assaults consummated by a battery, communicating threats, wrongful interference with an adverse administrative proceeding, and wrongful appropriations. The captain was sentenced to eight years confinement and dismissed from the U.S. Air Force.

An airman first class from the 311th Mission Support Group was court-martialed at a general court martial on for rape. The airman pled not guilty to the charge and specification of rape and was found not guilty.

An airman from the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine was absent without leave for approximately four days, made false official statements, altered the birth date on her military ID and disobeyed orders from her commander. Charges were referred against the airman to a special

court-martial. The airman requested to be allowed to separate from the Air Force in lieu of trial by court-martial. The request was accepted by 311 HSW and the airman was discharged with a service characterization of under other than honorable conditions.

### Article 15s:

An airman from the 68th Information Operations Squadron was punished for making a false official statement and unlawful entry into another airman's dorm room. Punishment consisted of reduction to the grade of E-1, 21 days extra duties and a reprimand.

An airman first class from the 68th IOS was punished for making a false official statement and unlawful entry into another airman's dorm room. Punishment consisted of reduction to the grade of E-2, 21 days extra duties and a reprimand.

A senior airman from the 311th MSG was punished for failure to obey a lawful order by possessing an unauthorized firearm on Brooks City-Bases. Punishment consisted of reduction to the grade of E-3 (suspended for a six-month probationary period), forfeiture of \$190 per month for two months and a reprimand.

An airman first class from the Air Force Institute of Operational Health was punished for failure to go to his appointed place of duty at the beginning of the workday. Punishment consisted of 3 days of extra duty.

— Submitted by Capt. Michael Felsen, 311 HSW/JA



## ASC commander nominated for fourth-star promotion

By 1st Lt. David Cromwell  
Aeronautical Systems Center PA

President Bush has nominated Lt. Gen. William Looney III for promotion to general and to be the next commander



GEN. LOONEY

of Air Education and Training Command, Air Force officials announced.

General Looney is currently the commander of the Aeronautical Systems Center. His nomination must be confirmed by the Senate. When the Senate confirms the nomination, he would then be slated to assume command of AETC from Gen. Donald Cook who is scheduled to retire.

Air Education and Training Command, headquartered at Randolph AFB, Texas, is responsible for the recruiting, training and education of Air Force personnel. The command consists of 13 bases, more than 66,000 active-duty members and 15,000 civilians.

"Serving with the men and women of ASC has been a privilege," General Looney said. "This has been my ninth command and it has been very professionally rewarding to perform a mission that is so vitally important to our nation and to our Air Force. However, it's people that make our Air Force the best in the world, and I'm looking forward to new challenges and responsibilities at AETC."

General Looney has commanded ASC and served as the Program Executive Officer for aircraft procurement and modernization since December 2003.

Prior to his assignment at ASC, the general served as commander of Electronic Systems Center at Hanscom AFB, Mass. While there, General Looney led ESC to meet operational expectations.

Amongst his accomplishments during his 18-month ESC tenure, General Looney led the center as it rapidly advanced machine-to-machine targeting, modernized and standardized air operations centers as weapon systems and developed intuitive, integrated intelligence processing systems.

### SHATTERED DREAMS



Photo by Staff Sgt. Brandy Bogart

USAFSAM's Staff Sgt. Joseph Guerrero applies makeup to a Madison High School student volunteer as part of the "Shattered Dreams" program. The program raises the awareness among junior and high school students of the dangers of drinking and driving. During the exercise the entire student body is brought to witness the extraction and care given to the mock victims. Local agencies such as the police and fire departments and Expeditionary Medical Support Instructors participate in the mock vehicle accident at various local schools, providing makeup and help with the scenarios during the exercise. Day one is the actual accident and scene, while day two is a mock funeral with the actual parents of the students that "died."

## Earned Income Tax Credit available for eligible taxpayers

By 1st Lt. Rhea Lagano  
311th Human Systems Wing/JA

The Earned Income Tax Credit is a tax credit for people who work but do not earn high incomes. For eligible taxpayers, EITC is a valuable tool to lower their taxes or to claim a refund. The IRS wants all taxpayers who are eligible to claim the EITC.

To qualify, a claimant must meet certain requirements and file a U.S. Individual Income Tax Return. Certain EITC rules apply to everyone. There are also special rules for people who have children and for those who do not.

Individuals and families must meet the following requirements: must have earned income, must have a valid Social Security number for self, spouse (if filing jointly) and qualifying child, investment income must be limited to \$2,650, filing status must not be "married filing separately" and must not be a qualifying child of another person.

Additionally, adjusted gross income cannot exceed certain limitations: \$34,458 (\$35,458 if married filing jointly) with two or more qualifying children, \$30,338 (\$31,338 if married filing jointly) with one qualifying child and \$11,490 (\$12,490 if married filing jointly) with no qualifying children.

To claim a child, they must meet three eligibility tests. The first test is the residency test where the child must have lived with you in the United States for more than half of 2004. The second test is called

the relationship test where the child must be either a son, daughter or stepchild; sister, brother, stepsister or stepbrother who you cared for as your own child; or a foster or adopted child. The last test is the age test where at the end of 2004, the child must have been under age of 19 years, a full-time student under age 24 or any age if permanently and totally disabled at any time during 2004.

It is important to note that the qualifying child cannot be used by more than one person to claim EITC. If a child meets the rules to be a qualifying child of more than one person, only one person can treat that child as a qualifying child and claim EITC.

If claimants do not have a child, they must meet three additional tests. First, at the end of 2004, they must be at least age 25 but under age 65. Second, they cannot qualify as the dependent of another person. Finally, they must have lived in the United States for more than half of 2004.

For further information, please see IRS Publication 596, Earned Income Credit. The publication is available at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or by calling 1-800-829-3676. Additionally, the Instructions for Form 1040 can help you determine your eligibility. The instructions contain a worksheet and the earned income credit table to help determine the amount of credit. To claim the EITC with a qualifying child, one must complete Schedule EIC and attach it to the tax return.



MILLICAN

# Q&A

FULL NAME/RANK:  
Doris Millican

DUTY TITLE,  
ORGANIZATION:  
Contractor, Air Force  
Medical Services Agency

IN SIMPLE TERMS,  
WHAT DO YOU DO?:

I retired from civil service in November, 1994 where I worked as an employee and labor relations specialist at the Brooks Civilian Personnel Office. With this background, I am an advisor to the management of AFMSA/SGOZ in civil service issues.

BIRTHDAY:  
April 14, 1943

HOMETOWN:  
Beeville, Texas

FAMILY STATUS:  
Widow

NICKNAME:  
Dee Dee

PERSONAL MOTTO:  
"Dedication."

INSPIRATIONS:  
My 82-year-old mother

HOBBIES:  
Crocheting and playing the piano

BOOK AT BEDSIDE:  
Time Magazine

FAVORITE MUSIC:  
Country and western  
and religious

FIVE-YEAR GOAL:  
Finish college

ULTIMATE GOAL:  
Enjoy retirement

MY GREATEST  
ACCOMPLISHMENT:  
My children

MY MOST PRIZED  
POSSESSION:  
My piano

## Upbeat personality carries Brooks contractor through tragic losses



By Kendahl Johnson  
Discovery editor

A person's character is often built by life's situations and the ability to deal with difficult circumstances. One Brooks City-Base employee has dealt with several heart-breaking tragedies yet remains upbeat and optimistic in life, work and her relationships with her family.

Dee Dee Millican, a contractor for the Air Force Medical Service Agency, stays positive despite suffering a tragic loss a decade ago. Just three days after retiring from a civil service position in Brooks' civilian personnel office, her husband of nearly 30 years passed away due to illness.

"I didn't expect my husband to die," Mrs. Millican said. "I thought we would spend the rest of our lives together. Unfortunately it didn't work out that way. Sometimes I am angry that I didn't have him longer than I did, but now I am adjusted pretty well."

Mrs. Millican was born in Beeville, Texas, and moved to San Antonio when she was nine. After graduating from Highlands High School, she met Willie, an Airman in the Air Force. They were married in 1966 and it wasn't long before he was assigned to Clark Air Base, Philippines.

It was there that Mrs. Millican began working as a civil servant. At just 23 years of age, her job was in a vault, typing bombing schedules. "It was a stressful job, but I was good at typing numbers," she said. "When typing latitudes and longitudes for bombing schedules, you have to be accurate in typing numbers."

According to Mrs. Millican, the F-4 fighter pilots would come to the vault to

pick up the schedules that would take them from Clark AB to North Vietnam. "Everyone would join hands and pray that they would make it back okay. Sometimes they did and sometimes they didn't. It was a real lesson in life."

In 1969, at the height of the Vietnam War, her husband was reassigned to Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland Air Force Base. She took a job in the civilian personnel field, where she spent the majority of her career. She transferred to Brooks in 1990 and worked as an employee and labor relations specialist.

In 1994, her husband, a retired senior master sergeant, became ill. Knowing she wanted to spend more time with her husband, she decided to participate in an early retirement program. Just three days following her retirement, her husband passed away. "It

was very difficult. I spent 10 months feeling sorry for myself," she said.

The passing of her husband wasn't the first tragic loss in her family; it followed on the heels of the passing of her identical twin brother. "I was really close to my brother. We all had a really hard time with that."

Not knowing what she wanted to do, she decided not to go right back to work. She began picking up the pieces and rebuilding her broken spirit. She joined a support group and spent time remodeling her house.

Eventually, she accepted an offer to work as a contractor at AFMSA, where she now works as a business subject matter specialist. Her tasks include assisting in research projects, advising management in civilian personnel issues, assisting supervisors in developing performance standards and other related jobs.

She said her experience in civilian personnel has been useful and that being a contractor is an advantage for her position. "As I often tell them, I don't have a dog in that fight because I am no longer a civil servant. But I really like to see that the civilians are recognized for what they do."

In a few short months, Mrs. Millican will retire for a second time. She feels strongly about education and plans to finish her schooling.

"I am not working towards a specific goal like getting a job. It's just something I enjoy doing and it's something I need to do," she said. "When I retired before that's what I planned to do. My husband went into the military with a seventh grade education and when he retired he had a master's degree in electrical engineering. Education was important to him."

Mrs. Millican also looks forward to spending time more time with her children. She has four sons — one retired from the Navy and one preparing to retire — and several grandchildren. She will also spend more time with her two hobbies — crocheting and music. Although she can't read music, she loves to play her piano, in part because of the memories it invokes.

"When I was first married, money was tight. I got a job playing in a band Friday nights at the officer's club and Saturday nights at the NCO club. Sunday, I played for the Protestant chapel. My husband used his reenlistment bonus to buy me a brand-new piano the Christmas of '67. It still has a beautiful tone. It is my prized possession."

Despite the loss of several loved ones, Mrs. Millican still finds joy in life and in her family. She gushes about her grandchildren and lives just three blocks from her 82-year-old mother. "She is so upbeat. She sees the bright side to everything." The apple never falls too far from the tree.

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DeeDee Millican  
Contractor, AFMSA



# Brooks Teen Center: A life guiding experience

By Rudy Purificato  
311th Human Systems Wing

There was a time in the distant past when idle teenagers at Brooks had little to do to keep them occupied and out of trouble. Various acts of vandalism on base attributed to wayward youth eventually prompted a call to action to resolve the problem.

Ron Hayes saw not a troubling trend, but an opportunity to reach out to youngsters in such a profound and caring way that it would have a lasting influence on them. His vision was the creation of a special place for teenagers where they'd feel safe, at home and most importantly – welcome.

Dubbed the Brooks Teen Center, the place he founded in 1993 has since become an oasis of fun for teenagers and a launching pad for innumerable activities that have benefited children, adults and the community.

"Right before I started the teen center, people were afraid that gangs would develop here. A lot of the teens were big, and no one thought that they could work with them," said Mr. Hayes, the Non-Appropriated Fund teen coordinator for Brooks Youth Services.

The teen center founder instinctively knew that at the core of most youth problems was a feeling of being out-of-place in a fast-paced, demanding world. "My feelings in starting the center were based on giving them a sense of belonging, a place receptive to their needs," he said.

Retired Youth Services director Dixie Bonamo championed Mr. Hayes' crusade to establish the first teen center at a San Antonio military installation.

"Dixie saw that I had a knack for connecting with teens. She fought to get a separate facility for teens, an old two-story barracks located behind the chapel," he said.

Its creation was pivotal in ending youth crime at Brooks. Security Forces officials told Mr. Hayes that youth vandalism completely stopped. Teens no longer wanted to hang out at the base bowling alley or roam the streets. They had a place they called their own. Equally important, they had a friend and confidant in Mr. Hayes, who conveyed a genuine interest in addressing their needs and concerns. "We had great rap sessions about teen issues. Their main concern (then) was there wasn't anything for them to do at Brooks."

Inherently resistant to authority and restrictions, youngsters found at the teen center a place where they were free to express themselves. "They are allowed to paint or draw graffiti on the walls. When the walls are full, we whitewash them and start over," Mr. Hayes said.

Everything is done with propriety in mind. The overriding rule there is that "the teens have the right to a clean and safe environment." Inappropriate behavior or language is not condoned. In fact, teens police themselves.

"We have a teen council that includes a sheriff. They are elected and enforce teen rules," Mr. Hayes said. Members who break rules earn demerits. Demerits result in teens forfeiting 'teen bucks' earned from community service work. This teenage currency is redeemed for a variety of gifts, ranging from video games and stereo systems to TVs. "It (teen bucks) teaches them responsibility and is used as a goal-setting tool," Mr. Hayes said.

The teen coordinator's five core programs have shaped the lives of its members. Perhaps the most popular activity is the character and leadership development program called TRAIL, an acronym for Training Responsible Adolescence in Leadership. This program features team-building outdoor adventures.

"We've had bike rides in Washington state, went whitewater rafting in Idaho and snow skied in Colorado. We create teachable moments, such as rock climbing in New Mexico, which is a great metaphor for life. Each step they take is a step in life," Mr. Hayes said.

Besides overnight camping, they've also had overnight 'lock-ins' at the center, a pajama party variation. "No one sleeps at lock-ins. There's



Photos by Ron Hayes

Whitewater rafting through Idaho's Sawtooth mountains is part of the Brooks Teen Center's outdoor adventure program.

continuous activity, from watching movies and playing games to making art work out of seasonings," Mr. Hayes said.

Not everything teen center members do involve fun and games. Teens support the community, ranging from feeding the homeless to sponsoring a program called Toys From Teens.

"The teens developed the program in 2002. They decided to sell their personal items at a flea market for cash to buy toys for needy kids," Mr. Hayes said.

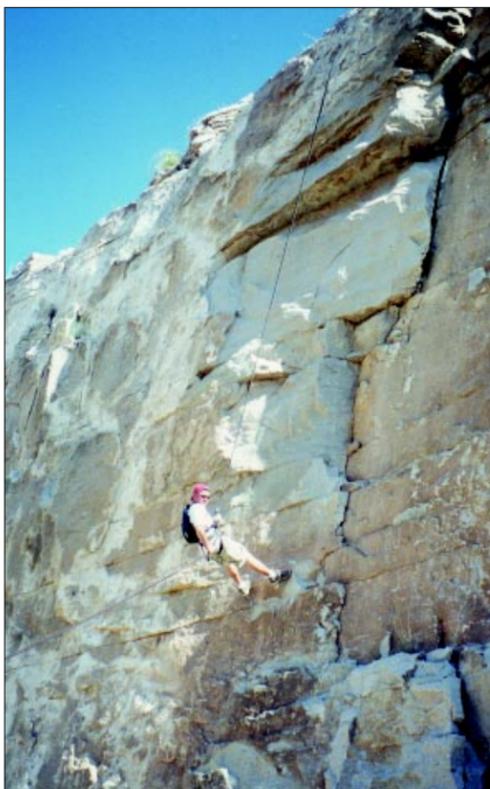
They have also volunteered to read to hospitalized children and have supported the Special Olympics. They've tutored students and conducted job-shadowing at Wal-Mart. The teen center has also hosted an endless series of workshops, ranging from anger management to financial management, the latter taught by Federal Re-serve retiree 'Pinky,' Mr. Hayes' wife.

Now located in the teen-remodeled Bldg. 641, the center supports about 40 youngsters. Its recreational assets

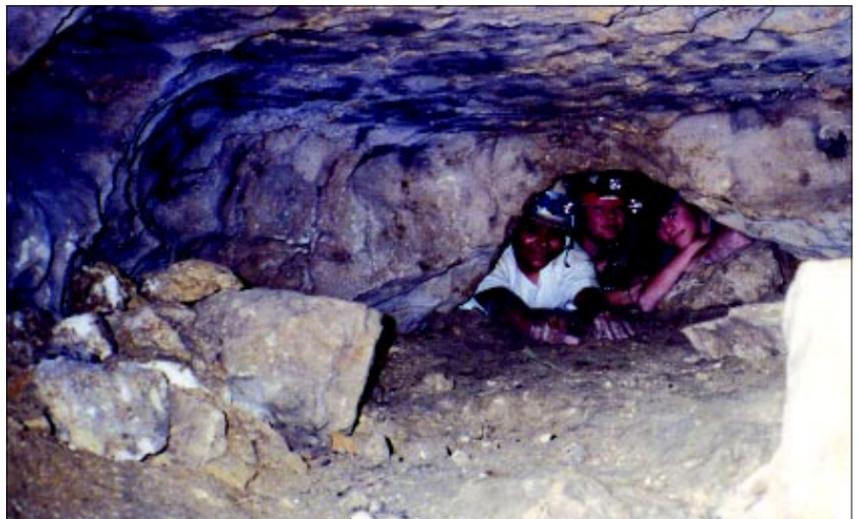
include a pool table that glows in the dark and a music room named Karma that houses band instruments and recording equipment used to produce CDs. There are places to read, watch movies, snack, play video games and do homework.

Mr. Hayes admits that he never wants to leave the place he and his wife consider their home away from home. Teen center alumni frequently invite them to their weddings, graduations and other special moments in their lives. Many have gone on to successful careers. All remember Mr. Hayes for having an impact on them.

Mr. Hayes' most cherished gift from a teen, now a local artist, is a painting that hangs in his office titled "Crossroads." In part, it reads: "If you ask why I dedicate it to you, the answer is simple. You were there for me....Let this piece be a reminder that all your words never go unheard, and all your actions for these kids never go unseen."



Rappelling and rock climbing were part of the adventure training that Brooks Teen Center members participated in during a New Mexico trip.



Members of the teen center search a cave during a recent spelunking expedition.



## Players 'jump through hoops' to improve as basketball team



Photos by Rudy Purificato

2nd Lt. Damion Byrd, head coach of the men's varsity basketball team and his assistant Lt. Col. Ric Peterson go over a play during a game against San Antonio College. The pair have had a positive impact on the team's progress.

By Rudy Purificato  
311th Human Systems Wing

They figuratively 'jumped through hoops' as a basketball team in their journey to become respected and competitive on the court. Their losing record belies the fact that the Brooks men's varsity hoop squad has overcome their greatest obstacle to success: themselves.

Once the doormat of the Southwest Military Basketball League, the much-improved Brooks team expects to pound on the door to a championship. They get their chance to build on what they learned during the regular season by competing in the post-season tournament scheduled later this month in San Antonio.

"No matter what happens in the upcoming SWMBL tournament, the season has been a huge success," said Brooks men's varsity team head coach Damion Byrd. This first-year coach says the club already has exceeded his expectations. They won eight games this year compared to just one last season.

However, winning to Byrd and assistant coach Ric Peterson is secondary to developing a successful varsity basketball program. They value more how players developed and matured over the course of a grueling season filled with distractions and adversity.

"Some of the progress has been phenomenal," said Peterson, the son of a Montana Sports Hall of Fame basketball coaching legend. While every player showed improvement, the assistant coach has been most impressed by the team's 6-foot-6 center/power forward Armand 'Slim' Bailey.

"Slim is playing a lot smarter. His footwork is phenomenally better," Peterson said.

"Slim is a Division I-caliber basketball player. He has a strong work ethic and has definitely become a leader on the court," Byrd added.

Teammates often hear the once quiet Bailey shout to them during games, "If

you get into trouble, look for me or No. 21." Formerly tentative in his playing style, Bailey has become, like veteran teammate Rob Taylor, "a force to be reckoned with" on the hardcourt. The Cleveland native is the team's leading scorer and rebounder.

Raising his level of play has had a positive influence on his teammates. New York City-born power forward Desmond Fahie has benefited from his teammate's more aggressive style by raising his level of intensity. There were periods during the season where Fahie was unstoppable as he drove to the hole with

Michael Jordan-like ferocity. His coaches attribute Fahie's new-found court dominance to having successfully harnessed his energy and athleticism.

Equally effective in his development has been point guard Demetrius 'Stu' Stewart who has helped anchor the team. Described by his coaches as a 'floor general,' Stewart has been relentless in setting up key scorers inside and at the perimeter.

His floor presence has also helped the team's two youngest rookies perform above what was expected of them as reserve players.

Called the 'double mix twins,' shooting guard/small forward Frank Hayden from Tuskegee, Ala., and shooting guard Corey Overton from Richmond, Va., have been key contributors.

The remaining cast has helped transform a varsity team, once just a collection of players, into a cohesive unit. They include veteran point guard Roderick

Bryant, center LaDeris Harper, three-point threat Clifton "C.D." Clark, small forward Marcus Butler and newcomer Anthony Tilman.

"The team has become a family," said Byrd, who admits having made his own transformation from former player to trusted mentor. The conversion was not made without a lot of sleepless nights worrying about lost practice time, game strategies that didn't work, player injuries and a host of other calamities.

Early in the season Byrd had doubts about his coaching ability. He recalled an incident that underscored family frustration while driving in his car with his wife. "My wife said to me, 'I don't know what's wrong.' I thought she was going to tell me that she was pregnant. Then she said, 'I can't sleep at night. It's your team. What's wrong with them?'"

The couple eventually stopped worrying as the team showed steady progress. They also had more restful nights.

"Although the team's 8-16 record may not reflect it, we've played stretches of very good basketball," Byrd said. "I believe our record would be much better had we not had such long stretches of time where we did not play any games or practiced. It's hard to do things repetitively when during two different points in the season we didn't play any games for a month or more."

Despite loss of floor time due to competing activities at the gym, the coaches believe the team has made sufficient progress to be successful in the post-season. "The guys have come together like a band of brothers. Our goal for the tournament is the same as it was at the beginning of the season — to win it all."



Brooks men's varsity basketball coach Damion Byrd (right) goes over strategy with his team during a regular season game. Byrd and his team battled through lack of practice time and other setbacks to put together a successful season.

## Brooks to co-host men's basketball league tourney

By Rudy Purificato  
311th Human Systems Wing

The Brooks City-Base and Randolph Air Force Base fitness centers are co-hosting for the first time the Southwest Military Basketball League championship tournament March 23-27. The event will feature men's varsity hoop teams from 12 military installations that compete in the league.

Tournament opening ceremonies will be held at 9 a.m., Thursday at the Randolph AFB Fitness Center. Round robin play starts an hour later at Randolph and at 1:30 p.m. at Brooks.

"Last year, the tournament was held at Altus AFB, (Okla.) The winning team hosts the tournament the following year. Randolph won it," said Brooks fitness center specialist Hosea Talbert. Talbert said that he and Senior Master Sgt. Brian Degroat, SWMBL commissioner, decided to join forces and resources to co-host the annual event.

The competition will feature teams from SWMBL's southern and northern divisions. They include southern division rivals Randolph, Goodfellow, Laughlin and Lackland AFBs, Fort Sam Houston and Brooks City-Base; and northern division participants from Sheppard, Tinker, Dyess, Barksdale and Little Rock AFBs and Fort Sill.

"We wanted to rekindle athletic competition at a higher level," said Degroat, explaining that the league tournament showcases the top military basketball talent in the region. Established by Kenneth Bryant at Kirtland AFB, N.M., in 2001, the league helped fill the void created by the culmination of most Air Force command tournaments. Stateside, only Air Education and Training Command hosts a post-season basketball tournament.

"We wanted to hold our tournament in March so as not to conflict with the AETC tournament scheduled in April at Sheppard AFB," Degroat said.

The top four seeded teams for the SWMBL tournament have earned a bye for the first round. They are defending champion Randolph (14-2), Fort Sam Houston (12-2), Tinker (12-4) and Fort Sill (13-5).

Non-seeded first round teams will be matched up in pool play based on their regular season records. The tournament will also feature first-round team matchups involving squads from different divisions that have not played one another during the season, the SWMBL commissioner noted. The championship round will be seeded based on league season records, with the championship game to be played at Randolph.

The league's long-term plans are to negotiate a merger with the older, more established Southeast Military Athletic As-



Photo by Rudy Purificato

Randolph Air Force Base, playing in the dark uniforms, dominated its Southwest Military Men's Basketball League opponents during the regular season. They will attempt to repeat as league champions in the SWMBL tournament March 23-27.

sociation. Having a professionally run, fan-supported postseason tournament in San Antonio, Degroat said, will only enhance the league's reputation as an organization devoted to promoting quality military basketball.

### AFAF CAMPAIGN PUSH-UP-A-THON

Thursday, 11 a.m. at Base Gym  
Prizes — \$50 Gift Certificate to the male and female completing the most push-ups and \$50 Gift Certificate to the two individuals collecting the most in pledge money. Contact your AFAF unit representative to sign-up and obtain pledge form.